Environmental Problems

1979. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development has sought a reorientation of the policy framework to deal comprehensively and effectively with environmental problems;

(b) if so, the details of their recommendations and observation for implementation of various environment protection schemes; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development is scheduled to take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil during June 1992. As the conference is yet to be held, question of reacting to its recommendations and observation does and arise at this stage.

[*Translation*]

Executive Class coaches in trains

1980. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of trains which have Executive Class coaches;

(b) whether it has been decided that Shatabdi Express and Himalayan Queen Express will be provided with Executive Class coaches; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 2001/2002 New Delhi-Bhopal Shatabdi Express and 2003/2004 New Delhi-Lucknow Shatabdi Express.

(b) There is at present no proposal to provide Executive Class coaches on 2005/2006 New Delhi-Kalka Shatabdi Express and 4095/4096 Himalayan Queen Express.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Disaffiliation of schools in Chandigarh

1981. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education has threatened to disaffiliate certain schools in Chandigarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it will be ensured that students are not harmed/harassed on account of disaffiliation?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) As per information received from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), affiliation is granted to a school if it satisfies the minimum conditions laid down in the Affiliation Bye-Laws of the Boards. Six schools of Chandigarh which were provisionally affiliated with the Board were disaffiliated after proper show cause notice, as these schools were not able to fulfil the minimum conditions regarding land and payment of salaries to the staff. One of the six schools has since fulfilled the affiliation conditions laid down by the Board and the schools has been reaffiliated.

(c) The students of class X belonging to the concerned schools disaffiliated by the CBSE have been allowed to appear in the Board's Examination in 1992 as a special case so that the academic future of the students is not harmed.

Upgradation of Government schools in Chandigarh

1982. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have decided to upgrade various schools in Chandigarh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and of those upgraded during 1990 and 1991?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During 1990-91, Chandigarh Administration have upgraded seven schools to Senior Secondary level. During 1991-92, one primary school has been upgraded upto middle standard.

Working Women's Hostel in Chandigarh

1983. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL Will the Minister of HUMAN RSOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present strength of inmates of Working Women's Hostel at Chandigarh and the number of applications pending for admission;

(b) whether it is working satisfactorily;

(c) if not, the improvements proposed; and

(d) the amount allocated for it during the each of last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) There are 166 residents against the sanctioned strength of 178 working women in three Working Women's Hostels at Chandigarh assisted by the Government of India, as under.